

3. (Amended) A teat according to claim 1, characterized in that the vestibular screen comprises:

- a top portion situated above the bite plane; and
- a bottom portion situated below the bite plane and offset rearwards relative to the top portion.

4. (Amended) A teat according to claim 3, characterized in that the offset between the top and bottom portions of the vestibular screen is about 1 mm to 3 mm.

5. (Amended) A teat according to claim 2, characterized in that a substantially vertical wall is integrally formed with the rear edge of the plate and co-operates with the vestibular screen to define an aligner for receiving the dental arches.

6. (Amended) A teat according to claim 5, characterized in that said plate is generally U-shaped, with limbs extending rearwards to the rear ends of the dental arches.

7. (Amended) A teat according to claim 6, characterized in that the plate, the vestibular screen, and the nipple are integrally molded.

8. (Amended) A teat according to claim 7, characterized in that the surface of the plate includes abrasive means.

9. (Amended) A teat according to claim 8, characterized in that the means projecting forwards out from the mouth comprise a shield for pressing against the front faces of the lips or a handle ring.

10. (Amended) A teat according to claim 1, characterized in that the means projecting forwards out from the mouth comprise an element for closing a baby's bottle, and the teat has a channel passing longitudinally therethrough to enable a baby or a child to suck a liquid contained in the bottle.

09937906-12101

11. (New) A teat according to claim 2, characterized in that the vestibular screen comprises:

- a top portion situated above the bite plane; and
- a bottom portion situated below the bite plane and offset rearwards relative to the top portion.

12. (New) A teat according to claim 2, characterized in that the means projecting forwards out from the mouth comprise an element for closing a baby's bottle, and the teat has a channel passing longitudinally there through to enable a baby or a child to suck a liquid contained in the bottle.

13. (New) A teat according to claim 3, characterized in that the means projecting forwards out from the mouth comprise an element for closing a baby's bottle, and the teat has a channel passing longitudinally there through to enable a baby or a child to suck a liquid contained in the bottle.

14. (New) A teat according to claim 4, characterized in that the means projecting forwards out from the mouth comprise an element for closing a baby's bottle, and the teat has a channel passing longitudinally there through to enable a baby or a child to suck a liquid contained in the bottle.

15. (New) A teat according to claim 5, characterized in that the means projecting forwards out from the mouth comprise an element for closing a baby's bottle, and the teat has a channel passing longitudinally there through to enable a baby or a child to suck a liquid contained in the bottle.

16. (New) A teat according to claim 6, characterized in that the means projecting forwards out from the mouth comprise an element for closing a baby's bottle, and the teat has a channel passing longitudinally there through to enable a baby or a child to suck a liquid contained in the bottle.

17. (New) A teat according to claim 7, characterized in that the means projecting forwards out from the mouth comprise an element for closing a baby's bottle, and the teat has a channel passing longitudinally there through to enable a baby or a child to suck a liquid contained in the bottle.